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RKHM CHASSIS PRODUCTION KHARKOV, USSR (SWN)

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- 1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST CONFIRMATION OF RKHM CHEMICAL WARFARE RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE CHASSIS PRODUCTION AT KHARKOV. (SWN)
- 2. REMARKS: FOUR RKHM (FORMERLY ATV M-1979/4) CHASSIS WERE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT KHARKOV TRACTOR AND MISSILE PLANT ORDZHONIKIDZ ON RKHM HAVE PROBABLY BEEN HERE FOR SOMETIME, BUT WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED DUE TO IMAGE INTERPRETABILITY. THREE RKHM WERE IN THE EAST CORNER OF THE FACILITY ONE WAS IN THE SHIPPING YARD AND TWO ADJACENT TO BUILDINGS NEAR THE SHIPPING YARD. THE FOURTH RKHM (NOT ON GRAPHIC) WAS IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUILDING IN THE WEST CORNER OF THE FACILITY. NONE OF THE VEHICLES HAD CONTAMINATED AREA MARKER DISPENSERS ON THEM. THIS INDICATES THAT THESE VEHICLES WERE PROBABLY NOT YET FITTED WITH THE CBR EQUIPMENT. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE RKHM, WHICH HAS BEEN DEPLOYED TO REGIMENTAL CHEMICAL DEFENSE COMPANIES, BELONGS TO A FAMILY OF VEHICLES THAT INCLUDES THE MT-LB AND MT-L. THESE VEHICLES SHARE A COMMON CHASSIS. THE RKHM AND MT-LB BOTH HAVE RAISED SUPERSTRUCTURES WITH A MACHINE GUN TURRET ON THE RIGHT SIDE. HOWEVER, THE SUPERSTRUCTURE IS FORWARD ON THE MT-LB AND IS CENTERED ON THE RKHM. THE RKHM HAS A SMOOTH FORWARD DECK, NO FENDERS, AND A STRAIGHT LEADING EDGE; WHILE THE MT-LB HAS A TAPERED FRONT DECK, FENDERS, AND AN IRREGULAR LEADING EDGE. THE MT-L, WHICH WAS THE FORÉRUNNER OF THE MT-LB, FEATURES A LARGE DRIVERS CAB, A MID-MOUNTED ENGINE, AND A CARGO IT IS USED AS AN ARCTIC REGION TRANSPORT COMPARTMENT. THE MT-LB IS PRODUCED AT KHARKOV, AND THE MT-L IS VEHICLE. PRODUCED AT RUBTSOVSK AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PLANT ALTAY. FOUR PROBABLE RKHM WERE OBSERVED AT RUBTSOVSK FROM

THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER SIGHTINGS OF THE RKHM AT RUBTSOVSK, INDICATING THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY A ONE-TIME PRODUCTION RUN. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE

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